

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention defined by Group II, including claims 13-15, drawn to an object.

Claim 13 has been amended so as to be in independent format by incorporation of the subject matter of prior claim 1.

The claims directed to the subject matter of Group I, drawing to an invention non-elected for prosecution herein, have been canceled without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121.

Claim 16-24 are new and are dependent from original claim 15. As such, their examination with the elected subject matter is believed to be in order. Support for such new claims can be found as follows:

Claim 16:	page 10, line 29;
Claim 17:	page 3, lines 8-15;
Claim 18:	page 3, lines 24-29;
Claim 19:	page 4, lines 3-6;
Claim 20:	page 4, lines 13-19;
Claim 21:	page 4, lines 27-29;
Claim 22:	page 4, lines 33-34;
Claim 23:	page 6, lines 27-28; and
Claim 24:	page 3, lines 1-3.

An early and favorable action on the merits of claims 13-24 pending herein is therefore awaited.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner's attention is directed to the attached copy of GB 1 386 953 during prosecution of applicants' corresponding Israeli application. The GB '953 is also listed on an appropriate form PTO/SB/08a for the Examiner's convenience in this regard.

The GB '953 patent in applicants' view is irrelevant to the present invention since it discloses a slip-forming molding process wherein the fibers are not drawn and hence their diameter is preserved during the entire process thereof.

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